



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Mission – The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Program Overview – The FWS’s major responsibilities are to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fish. To accomplish its mission, FWS seeks opportunities to partner with farmers and ranchers, State and local governments, Federal agencies, Tribes, citizen volunteers, corporations, and conservation groups. About 44 percent of the budget is devoted to payments and grants to States, local communities, and landowners, funded in annual and permanent appropriations.

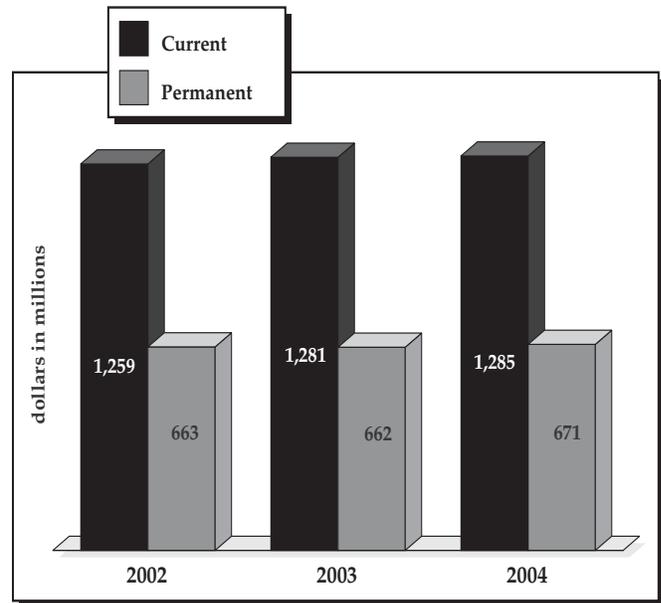
The national wildlife refuge system is among the world’s most significant land and water systems managed for the benefit of fish and wildlife. The 95 million-acre network provides stepping stones of habitat for many species of migratory birds and other wildlife, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for healthy wild salmon fisheries. The system includes 540 refuges and thousands of small prairie wetlands. These refuges provide recreational opportunities for photography, hiking, fishing, hunting, and education programs for 39 million visitors annually.

The FWS helps safeguard inter-jurisdictional fisheries worth billions of dollars; rescues troubled aquatic species on the brink of extinction; and provides recreational opportunities for the public. The FWS’s 69 national fish hatcheries produce more than 150 million fish annually, including striped bass, steelhead, lake trout, and salmon.

In administering the Endangered Species Act, FWS strives to ensure a strong scientific basis for its decisions, facilitate large-scale planning accommodating land use and protection of wildlife habitat, and promote innovative public-private partnerships, including financial and technical assistance to private landowners.

The FWS also plays a major role in the conservation of international wildlife resources as the lead agency for

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implementing U.S. treaty commitments for migratory birds, endangered species, wildlife trade, Arctic species, wetlands, some marine mammal species, and biological resources of the western hemisphere.

Management Excellence – The Service continues to follow the President’s management agenda for improving management and performance of the Federal government, practicing the Secretary’s vision for citizen-centered management excellence. The Service’s programs have worked extensively to step down from the goals in the Department’s new unified strategic plan. The Service is also developing an implementation plan for an ESA recovery task tracking system; has completed a workforce development plan; is piloting activity-based cost management at two regions in 2003; and will complete nearly 500 competitive sourcing studies by the end of 2004. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program and the national fish hatchery system were assessed during formulation of the 2004 budget using the Administration’s Program Assessment Rating Tool. The PART process identified actions needed to clarify program purpose and design

and made recommendations to improve strategic planning, program management, and program results.

Budget Overview – The 2004 request for current appropriations totals \$1.3 billion, an increase of \$4.0 million over 2003. The budget also includes \$671.1 million available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation. More than 76 percent of the FWS current request supports the Department’s mission goal for resource protection, with remaining resources devoted to achieving resource use, recreation, and serving communities mission goals.

Cooperative Conservation Initiative – The 2004 budget continues the Secretary’s vision of cooperative conservation through a revised Cooperative Conservation Initiative that focuses on existing successful programs that build resource protection partnerships. The FWS funding for the initiative totals \$70.2 million, including \$11.9 million for the national wildlife refuge systems’ Challenge Cost-Share program; \$38.4 million for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program; \$10.4 million for Migratory Bird Joint Ventures program; and \$9.6 million for the Coastal program. In recognition of the Partners program’s success in achieving its annual goals, the request increases the program by \$9.1 million, or 31 percent, which will allow the program to partner with 2,500 additional landowners on the program’s waiting list. The request also increases the Refuge Challenge Cost-Share program by \$3.0 million, or 33.8 percent, and the Joint Venture program by \$2.9 million, or 39.6 percent. Since the 2004 Cooperative Conservation Initiative builds on existing conservation partnership programs, the budget does not include funding for a new \$13.0 million Service-wide program included in the 2003 budget.

The budget also provides \$246.2 million for five Service grant programs that facilitate State and local conservation efforts. These programs are funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 2004, re-emphasizing the importance in achieving the land and water conservation goals set forth in the LWCF Act.

The 2004 request for the Landowner Incentive program is \$40.0 million, a \$10.0 million reduction from the 2003 President’s budget, but the same as the 2002 enacted level. The program provides matching, competitive grants to States, the District of Columbia, Territories, and Tribes to establish or supplement existing programs that provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to help them protect and manage imperiled species and their habitat, while continuing to engage in traditional land use or working land conservation practices. The program provides an opportunity for all States to develop

the capacity to implement programs modeled after several innovative State programs.

The \$10.0 million Private Stewardship program provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts that benefit listed, proposed, candidate species, or other at-risk species. Typical projects may include managing non-native species; implementing measures to minimize risk from disease; restoring streams that support imperiled species; or planting native vegetation to restore rare plant communities.

The request for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is \$86.6 million, \$2.3 million below 2003. A total of \$58.8 million is included for habitat conservation planning and land acquisition programs, which support States, local governments, and landowners in protecting habitat within or near areas covered by habitat conservation plans. The remaining \$27.8 million is allocated for grants to implement candidate conservation agreements, recovery actions, other State initiatives to conserve candidate, proposed, and listed species, and administration. States can, in turn, pass the funding on to municipalities, Tribes, and private landowners to enlist their support in species conservation efforts.

The budget proposes \$49.6 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, \$6.0 million above 2003. Together with funding from permanent appropriations, \$75.5 million will be available for the program in 2004. This funding will support wetlands and migratory bird conservation activities by providing matching grants to private landowners, States, non-governmental conservation organizations, Tribes, trusts, corporations, and other Federal agencies for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetland habitat.

State and Tribal Wildlife grants, funded at the 2003 level of \$60.0 million, provide financial assistance for development of wildlife conservation plans and on-the-ground conservation projects to stabilize, restore, enhance, and protect species and their habitats that are of conservation concern. States receive funding based on a statutory formula; the tribal portion of the program is competitive.

Information Technology – The Department is undertaking significant information technology reforms to improve the management of IT investments, to improve the security of systems and information, and to realize short- and long-term efficiencies and savings. The Department’s corporate approach includes consolidated purchases of hardware and software; consolidation of support functions, including help desks, e-mail support, and web services; and coordination of training. The FWS’s budget

includes a reduction of \$8.1 million in 2004 to reflect these management reforms.

Operations – The 2004 request for FWS’s principal operating account, Resource Management, is \$941.5 million, an increase of \$37.9 million over 2003. The budget directs additional resources to three of the Department’s mission goals, \$28.8 million for resource protection; \$5.5 million for recreation; and \$3.6 million for serving communities. The request funds program-wide uncontrollable cost increases of \$6.6 million, and reflects \$9.4 million in administrative efficiencies, of which \$6.0 million will be realized by absorbing fixed cost increases and \$3.4 million by curtailing unnecessary travel and relocation costs.

Fisheries – The budget includes a total of \$103.6 million for the Fisheries program, an increase of \$8.8 million over 2003. The Fisheries program is a critical partner with States, Tribes, and others in efforts to conserve the Nation’s aquatic resources. The budget furthers the Federal contribution to this conservation partnership with increases of \$1.0 million to support interdepartmental efforts to combat aquatic nuisance species, and \$8.0 million for operation and maintenance of the national fish hatchery system’s hatcheries, fish health centers, and fish technology centers. A \$5.0 million operating increase provides \$1.6 million to implement high-priority endangered species recovery tasks; \$2.5 million to implement priority restoration tasks prescribed in approved fishery management plans; and \$900,000 to assist Federal and State fisheries managers through applied science support services and tools. A \$3.0 million increase for hatchery maintenance will accelerate completion of condition assessments to 75 percent by the end of 2004, and support completion of 59 deferred maintenance projects focused on critical water management facilities, an increase of 16 projects over 2003.

National Wildlife Refuge System – Operation and maintenance of the national wildlife refuge system is funded at \$402.0 million, an increase of \$25.5 million over 2003. The increase funds three Departmental and interdepartmental initiatives, including \$3.0 million, as discussed above, for the Refuge Challenge-Cost Share program, a component of the Cooperative Conservation Initiative; \$2.1 million for combating invasive species; and \$500,000 for control and surveillance of chronic wasting disease on refuge lands.

The requested increase for operations includes \$2.0 million to accelerate completion of Comprehensive Conservation Plans and \$1.6 million to strengthen the law enforcement program. The remaining \$15.0 million is for other high priority operating needs, including: needs identified in the refuge operations needs system; start up

costs on recently established and expanded refuges, including Vieques National Wildlife Refuge in Puerto Rico and Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge; and funding to support land management and research demonstration sites.

The 2004 request includes \$109.1 million for refuge maintenance to continue progress in addressing deferred maintenance. The request includes a \$2.0 million increase for annual maintenance to facilitate continued implementation of a new maintenance management system.

In the Construction appropriation, the request includes \$1.7 million to complete construction of two new visitor centers at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Ohio and the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia.

Endangered Species – The budget includes \$128.7 million for administering the Endangered Species Act, an increase of \$3.0 million over 2003. The increase includes \$3.2 million to meet the litigation-driven workload of the endangered species listing program and \$2.0 million for the recovery program. The recovery program will work in tandem with partners and other FWS programs to accomplish priority recovery tasks to stabilize highly imperiled species and complete final recovery actions for species nearing recovery. The request also includes a \$2.0 million reduction to southern California’s Natural Communities Conservation Planning program. This program was initiated prior to funding being available under the CESCO for HCP planning efforts. To offset this reduction, the CESCO includes an increase of \$2.1 million in HCP planning assistance.

Law Enforcement – The budget provides a total of \$52.7 million for law enforcement, an increase of \$738,000 over 2003. The request includes a \$1.0 million increase for nine additional wildlife inspectors at ports of entry along the northern and southern borders. The request also includes a \$500,000 increase to coordinate Federal and State manatee protection efforts and conduct speed zone enforcement operations on federally designated manatee refuges and sanctuary areas.

Construction – The request for Construction is \$35.4 million, the same as 2003. It will support high priority projects identified in the Department’s five-year construction plan. Highlights include \$3.7 million to replace a seismically unsafe office building at Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge in Puerto Rico; \$1.7 million to complete construction of two new visitor centers at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Ohio and the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia; and \$1.9 million to complete construction of a new laboratory and administration building at the Bozeman Fish Technology Center.

Land Acquisition – The 2004 request for the Land Acquisition appropriation totals \$40.7 million, a decrease of \$29.6 million from 2003. The reduction reflects the priority Interior places on alternative conservation strategies, such as assisting private landowners and working with citizen volunteers to restore habitat on existing Federal lands. The request includes a total of \$24.7 million in line-item land acquisition for acquiring interests in lands, including easements that provide important fish and

wildlife habitat. Highlights include \$5.0 million for Baca Ranch in Colorado; \$2.0 million for Everglades; and \$5.0 million for conservation easements on the Quinault Indian Reservation to protect federally-listed species.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund – The request includes \$7.0 million for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, an increase of \$2.0 million over 2003 for neotropical migratory bird conservation grants.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS
(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2004 Request with 2003 President's Budget:

	2003 Budget		2004 Request		Change from 2003	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Resource Management	6,889	903,604	6,973	941,526	+84	+37,922
Construction	195	35,402	195	35,393	0	-9
Land Acquisition	111	70,384	111	40,737	0	-29,647
Landowner Incentive Program	7	50,000	7	40,000	0	-10,000
Private Stewardship Grants	4	10,000	4	10,000	0	0
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund	6	88,900	6	86,614	0	-2,286
National Wildlife Refuge Fund -						
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0	14,414	0	14,414	0	0
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund ...	11	43,560	11	49,560	0	+6,000
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	3	5,000	5	7,000	+2	+2,000
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants	5	60,000	5	59,983	0	-17
Subtotal, Appropriations	7,231	1,281,264	7,317	1,285,227	+86	+3,963
Permanent Accounts						
Recreational Fee Demonstration Program	31	3,800	31	4,000	0	+200
Migratory Bird Conservation Account	75	42,250	75	42,250	0	0
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	30	6,242	30	6,336	0	+94
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund ...	0	526	0	500	0	-26
Sport Fish Restoration	59	329,952	59	337,476	0	+7,524
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration	59	236,812	59	238,000	0	+1,188
Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	5	2,760	5	2,760	0	0
Contributed Funds	15	4,342	15	4,100	0	-242
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund	0	34,835	0	35,650	0	+815
Reimbursements	769	0	718	0	-51	0
Job Corps	115	0	115	0	0	0
Firefighting	470	0	470	0	0	0
Natural Resource Damage Assessment	46	0	46	0	0	0
Hazardous Materials	8	0	8	0	0	0
Federal Roads (FHWA)	14	0	14	0	0	0
Forest Pest (Agriculture)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanent and Trusts	1,697	661,519	1,646	671,072	-51	+9,553
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE	8,928	1,942,783	8,963	1,956,299	+35	+13,516

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Resource Management

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
Ecological Services				
Endangered Species				
Candidate Conservation	7,620	8,682	8,670	-12
Listing	9,000	9,077	12,286	+3,209
Consultation	45,501	47,770	45,734	-2,036
Recovery	63,617	60,215	62,029	+1,814
Subtotal, Endangered Species	125,738	125,744	128,719	+2,975
Habitat Conservation	83,409	74,623	82,336	+7,713
Environmental Contaminants	10,579	10,780	10,805	+25
Subtotal, Ecological Services	219,726	211,147	221,860	+10,713
National Wildlife Refuge System				
Operations	242,928	268,750	292,879	+24,129
Maintenance	77,029	107,729	109,136	+1,407
Subtotal, NWR System	319,957	376,479	402,015	+25,536
Migratory Bird Management and Law Enforcement				
Migratory Bird Management	28,616	28,310	31,121	+2,811
Law Enforcement				
Operations	48,261	49,778	50,542	+764
Maintenance	2,150	2,150	2,124	-26
Subtotal, Law Enforcement	50,411	51,928	52,666	+738
Subtotal, Migratory Bird Mgmt & Law Enforcement	79,027	80,238	83,787	+3,549
Fisheries				
Hatchery Operations & Maintenance				
Hatchery Operations	37,111	35,701	40,812	+5,111
Hatchery Maint & Rehabilitation	18,251	14,251	17,215	+2,964
Subtotal, Hatchery Ops & Main	55,362	49,952	58,027	+8,075
Fish and Wildlife Management Asst.				
Anadromous Fish Management	10,266	10,224	10,169	-55
Fish & Wildlife Assistance	34,565	32,134	32,984	+850
Marine Mammals	3,716	2,453	2,426	-27
Subtotal, Fish & Wildlife Mgmt Asst	48,547	44,811	45,579	+768
Subtotal, Fisheries	103,909	94,763	103,606	+8,843
General Operations				
Cooperative Conservation Initiative ...	0	13,000	0	-13,000
Central Office Administration	15,530	14,569	17,275	+2,706
International Affairs	8,130	8,167	8,178	+11
Regional Office Administration	24,792	24,217	23,787	-430
Nat'l Conservation Training Ctr	15,526	15,592	15,639	+47
Servicewide Operational Support	56,295	57,762	57,709	-53
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation .	7,705	7,670	7,670	0
Subtotal, General Administration	127,978	140,977	130,258	-10,719
Rescission	-534	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	850,063	903,604	941,526	+37,922

Highlights of Budget Changes

	<u>Amount</u>
Uncontrollable Costs	[+12,567]
Endangered Species	+2,975
<p>The budget includes program increases of \$3,186 for the ESA listing program to complete listing actions required by court orders or settlement agreements and \$2,000 for the Recovery program to implement high priority recovery actions. The request includes a \$2,000 reduction in ESA consultation for Natural Communities Conservation Plan HCP partners, in light of funding available through other Service grant programs. The budget also includes reductions of \$559 for travel and transportation and \$540 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$1,945 of which \$888 are budgeted and \$1,057 are absorbed.</p>	
Habitat Conservation	+7,713
<p>The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program will meet resource protection goals and work with additional private landowners to achieve on the ground habitat restoration for federal trust species (+\$9,600) and combat nutria infestations (+\$500). The Jobs in the Woods program in the Pacific Northwest is reduced (-\$1,000). Base funding for the Vermont Partners program [\$149] will be shifted to general program activities. Lower priority projects in Project Planning will be eliminated, including the Portland Metro Greenspaces program (-\$300) and the Middle Rio Grande Bosque initiative (-\$798). The budget includes reductions of \$340 for travel and transportation and \$433 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$1,060 of which \$484 are budgeted and \$576 are absorbed.</p>	
Environmental Contaminants	+25
<p>The budget includes reductions of \$42 for travel and transportation and \$27 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$206 of which \$94 are budgeted and \$112 are absorbed.</p>	
National Wildlife Refuge System	+25,536
<p>The request includes program increases totaling \$26,240 for the national wildlife refuge system. Operations funding increases (+\$16,600) will address the highest priority tier 1 RONS projects, support land management and research demonstration sites, and provide start up costs on new and expanded refuges including Vieques NWR and Don Edwards San Francisco Bay NWR; combat invasive species including nutria, tamarisk and giant salvinia (+\$2,140); fund additional challenge cost-share projects (+\$3,000); accelerate comprehensive conservation planning (+\$2,000); and control chronic wasting disease on the refuge system (+\$500). Additional funding for annual maintenance is requested to facilitate continued implementation of a new maintenance management system (+\$2,000). The increase of \$26,240 is offset by reductions of \$1,295 for travel and transportation and \$1,332 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$4,211 of which \$1,923 are budgeted and \$2,288 are absorbed.</p>	
Migratory Bird Management and Law Enforcement	+3,549
<p>Migratory Birds: Resource protection goals will be met through an increase of \$3,000 for the Joint Venture program and provide a total of \$10,400 for the program, in line with target levels. The budget includes reductions of \$157 for travel and transportation and \$199 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$366 of which \$167 are budgeted and \$199 are absorbed.</p>	
<p>Law Enforcement: Additional wildlife inspectors will be hired (+\$1,000) to interdict and deter the illegal trade in protecting species thus sustaining biological communities. Manatee protection efforts will be accelerated in Florida by protecting manatees from boat strikes and enforcing speed zone enforcement operations in refuges and sanctuary areas (+\$500). The budget includes reductions of \$350 for travel and transportation and \$767 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$778 of which \$355 are budgeted and \$423 are absorbed.</p>	
Fisheries	+8,843
<p>Hatchery Operations and Maintenance: The Fisheries program "Vision for the Future" will be implemented through increased operations funding for hatchery operations (+\$5,000) and hatchery maintenance (+\$3,000). Increased funding will be used to implement additional</p>	

priority recovery and restoration tasks prescribed in approved recovery plans and fishery management plans; increase fishing opportunities for the public through enhanced restoration activities; and improve the hatchery system's aging infrastructure to fair or better operational conditions to meet fishery management and recovery plan requirements. The budget includes reductions of \$116 for travel and transportation and \$115 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$670 of which \$306 are budgeted and \$364 are absorbed.

Fish and Wildlife Management: The request includes an increase of \$1,000 to control and manage aquatic invasive species and reductions of \$193 for travel and transportation and \$276 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$519 of which \$237 are budgeted and \$282 are absorbed.

General Operations -10,719

The budget shifts funding for last year's proposed new Cooperative Conservation Initiative to existing partnership programs (-\$13,000). The request provides increased funding for implementing the President's management agenda (+\$2,719) including activity based cost management and competitive sourcing studies; improving information technology security (+\$1,520); and maintenance for the National Conservation Training Center (+\$200). The budget includes reductions of \$348 for travel and transportation and \$3,962 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$2,813 of which \$2,152 are budgeted and \$661 are absorbed.

In total, uncontrollable costs for Resource Management account programs total \$12,567 of which \$6,606 are budgeted and \$5,961 are absorbed. The budget includes total program decreases of \$3,400 for travel and transportation and \$7,651 for information technology streamlining for programs funded under resource management. An additional \$377 reduction in information technology spending is reflected within uncontrollable costs for services funded through the Department's working capital fund.

APPROPRIATION: Construction

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2003 Budget</u>
Line Item Construction	35,101	19,115	21,477	+2,362
Bridge Safety	2,675	560	575	+15
Dam Safety	5,275	5,509	2,021	-3,488
Fire Transfers	-11,700	0	0	0
Engineering Services	12,492	10,218	11,320	+1,102
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	43,843	35,402	35,393	-9

Highlights of Budget Changes

Uncontrollable Costs Amount [+402]

Construction -9

Highlights include \$3,700 to replace a seismically unsafe office building at Cabo Rojo NWR in Puerto Rico; \$1,700 million to complete construction of two new visitor centers at the Ottawa NWR in Ohio and the Savannah NWR in Georgia; and \$1,887 million to complete construction of a new laboratory and administration building at the Bozeman Fish Technology Center. A detailed list of projects is contained in Appendix D.

The budget includes reductions of \$235 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$402 of which \$226 is budgeted and a total of \$176 is absorbed.

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
Acquisition Management	15,000	8,500	8,495	-5
Cost Allocation Methodology	0	2,500	2,058	-442
Acquisition - Federal Refuge Lands	80,135	53,884	24,684	-29,200
Fire Transfers	-4,862	0	0	0
Exchanges	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Inholdings	1,500	2,500	2,500	0
Emergency and Hardship	1,500	2,000	2,000	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	94,273	70,384	40,737	-29,647

Highlights of Budget Changes

Uncontrollable Costs	<u>Amount</u> [+378]
Land Acquisition	-29,647

A detailed list of projects is contained in Appendix F. The request includes a reduction of \$29,200 to reflect the Department's focus on resources of existing lands and facilities, and a reduction of \$500 for the cost allocation methodology to reflect decreased costs. Highlights include \$5,000 for Baca Ranch in Colorado; \$1,964 for National Key Deer and Key West NWRs in support of Everglades restoration efforts; and \$5,000 for conservation easements on the Quinault Indian Reservation.

The budget includes a reduction of \$147 for information technology services streamlining. Uncontrollable costs total \$378 of which \$200 is budgeted and a total of \$178 is absorbed.

APPROPRIATION: Landowner Incentive Program

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	40,000	50,000	40,000	-10,000

Highlights of Budget Changes

Landowner Incentive Grants	<u>Amount</u> -10,000
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The budget decreases the request for the landowner incentive program to the 2002 enacted level of \$40,000.

APPROPRIATION: Private Stewardship Grants

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	10,000	10,000	10,000	0

APPROPRIATION: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
Conservation Grants	7,520	7,520	7,520	0
HCP Planning Grants	6,650	6,650	8,750	+2,100
Recovery Land Acquisition	17,759	17,759	17,759	0
HCP Land Acquisition	61,306	54,371	50,000	-4,371
Administration	3,000	2,600	2,585	-15
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	96,235	88,900	86,614	-2,286

Highlights of Budget Changes

Grants to States and Administration	<u>Amount</u> -2,286
<p>HCP land acquisition is reduced by \$4,371. HCP planning assistance is increased by \$2,100. The budget includes a reduction of \$15 for information technology services streamlining.</p>	

APPROPRIATION: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	14,414	14,414	14,414	0

APPROPRIATION: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	43,500	43,560	49,560	+6,000

Highlights of Budget Changes

Wetlands Conservation Grants	<u>Amount</u> +6,000
<p>The request increases funding for the North American Wetlands Conservation fund by \$6,000.</p>	

APPROPRIATION: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
African Elephant Conservation	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Asian Elephant Conservation	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Great Ape Conservation	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Neotropical Bird Conservation	0	1,000	3,000	+2,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	4,000	5,000	7,000	+2,000

Highlights of Budget Changes

	<u>Amount</u>
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	+2,000
The request increases funding for neotropical migratory bird conservation projects in the western hemisphere (+\$2,000).	

APPROPRIATION: Neotropical Bird Conservation

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	3,000	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	59,800	60,000	59,983	-17

Highlights of Budget Changes

	<u>Amount</u>
Administration	-17
The budget includes a reduction of \$17 for information technology services streamlining.	